#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **AUSTIN DIVISION**

 $oldsymbol{\omega}$ BANDSPEED, INC., Plaintiff, v. PARROT, INC., ACER, INC.; ACER AMERICA CORPORATION; GARMIN INTERNATIONAL, INC.; GARMIN USA, INC.; GN NETCOM A/S; GN U.S., INC. A/K/A GN NETCOM, INC.; HTC CORPORATION; HTC AMERICA, INC.; KYOCERA INTERNATIONAL, INC.; KYOCERA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; LG ELECTRONICS, INC.; LG ELECTRONICS U.S.A., INC.; LG ELECTRONICS MOBILECOMM U.S.A., INC.; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FNA MOTOROLA, INC.; MOTOROLA MOBILITY, INC.; PLANTRONICS, INC.; RESEARCH IN MOTION LIMITED; RESEARCH IN MOTION CORPORATION; TOMTOM INTERNATIONAL B.V.; TOMTOM, INC.; TOSHIBA CORPORATION; TOSHIBA AMERICA INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.; TOSHIBA AMERICA, INC.; AND BLUETOOTH SIG, INC.,

Defendants.

CAUSE NO. A-11-CV-771-LY **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

## PLAINTIFF BANDSPEED INC.'S MOTION TO STRIKE EXHIBITS 2 - 6 OF TOMTOM'S RULE 12(c) MOTION OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

Subject to and without waiver of its right to a delay, deferral, or dismissal of TomTom's Motion to Dismiss on the Pleadings or for Summary Judgment on Bandspeed's Antitrust Claims [Doc. 1195] ("TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion"), or other relief, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(d), plaintiff Bandspeed, Inc. ("Bandspeed") files this Motion to Strike Exhibits 2 - 6 to TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion or, in the Alternative, for a Reasonable Opportunity to Respond to Summary Judgment Motion. Bandspeed respectfully requests the Court to expedite its consideration of this Motion; to require TomTom Defendants to file any response to this Motion by May 8, 2013; and to hold a hearing, if necessary, and to grant the relief requested herein on or before May 10, 2013.

#### **ARGUMENT**

Despite the ambiguity created by the TomTom Rule 12(c) Motion's misnamed filing in PACER and its conflicting requests for relief, counsel for TomTom confirmed that "the motion [TomTom] filed (Dkt. # 1195) is a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings pursuant to FRCP 12(c)." The Court should strike Exhibits 2 - 6 attached to TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion because they contain materials outside of the pleadings. In the alternative, if the Court does not exclude Exhibits 2 - 6, it must treat TomTom's motion as one for summary judgment and allow Bandspeed a reasonable opportunity to present all material that is pertinent to the motion.

## I. EXHIBITS 2 - 6 MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN A MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS AND SHOULD BE STRICKEN.

Ordinarily, a court evaluating a Rule 12(c) motion "must limit [its] inquiry to the facts stated in the complaint and the documents either attached to or incorporated in the complaint." *Lovelace v. Software Spectrum Inc.*, 78 F.3d 1015, 1017 (5th Cir. 1996). The Court may consider documents attached by a defendant to a motion to dismiss only if the documents are referred to in the plaintiff's complaint and are central to the plaintiff's claim. *Coalition for an Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights v. Delta Air Lines Inc.*, 693 F. Supp. 2d 667 (S.D. Tex. 2010). The Court may also consider judicially noticed facts.

Exhibits 2 - 6 to TomTom's Rule 12(c) should be stricken as materials outside of the pleadings. The exhibits include (1) affidavits from TomTom employees Victor

Shcherbatyuk and Peter Spours (Rule 12(c) Mot., Exs. 3 & 4, respectively); (2) interrogatory responses served by Bluetooth SIG in this litigation (id., Ex. 2); (3) documents Bates-numbered BLUETOOTH084204 – BLUETOOTH084228 produced by Bluetooth SIG in this litigation (id., Ex. 6); and (4) correspondence from Peter Spours to Bandspeed counsel (id., Ex. 5). These materials are not referred to in Bandspeed's Complaint. Indeed, most of the materials post-date the Complaint. responses and party correspondence served after a lawsuit is filed are not materials a Court may consider when ruling on a motion for judgment on the pleadings. See Stewart v. Transp. Workers Union of Greater New York, Local 100, 561 F. Supp. 2d 429, 435 (S.D.N.Y 2008). Similarly, affidavits reciting allegations not included in the Complaint should be excluded from consideration. *Honan v. Cnty. of Cottonwood*, 2003 WL 1572138 (D. Minn. 2003) (excluding affidavit from consideration of motion for judgment on the pleadings under Rule 12(c)). Accordingly, the Court should grant Bandspeed's Motion to Strike, should exclude Exhibits 2 – 6 from consideration of TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion, and should consider the Motion solely as a motion for judgment on the pleadings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(c).

# II. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, IF THE COURT CONSIDERS EXHIBITS 2 - 6 AND TREATS TOMTOM'S MOTION AS ONE FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, BANDSPEED IS ENTITLED TO A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND WITH ALL MATERIAL PERTINENT TO THE MOTION.

If, on a motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(c), "matters outside the pleadings are presented to *and not excluded by the court*" the motion is treated as one for summary judgment . . ." and the responding party "must be given a reasonable opportunity to present all the material that is pertinent to the motion." Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(d) (emphasis added). *Accord Garcia v. Potter*, 2010 WL 2025068, at \* 2 (W.D. Tex. May 18, 2010).

If the Court does not exclude Exhibits 2 – 6 of TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion as requested above, it must treat the motion as a motion for summary judgment and must provide Bandspeed a "reasonable opportunity" to respond "with all the material that is pertinent to the motion." Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(d). TomTom and Bandspeed have previously agreed to (and proposed to the Court) a deadline of October 18, 2013 for filing responses to dispositive motions. (Doc. 1096-4 at 5.) As a result, TomTom cannot reasonably object to a deadline of October 18, 2013 for the filing of Bandspeed's response to the motion for summary judgment. Such a response date is also more likely to allow Bandspeed "a reasonable opportunity to present all the material that is pertinent to the motion." Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(d).

#### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant Bandspeed's Motion to Strike Exhibits 2- 6 to TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion; should exclude Exhibits 2 – 6 from consideration of TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion; and should consider TomTom's Motion solely as a motion for judgment on the pleadings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(c). In the alternative, if the Court does not grant Bandspeed's Motion to Strike, the Court should treat TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion as a motion for summary judgment and should allow Bandspeed until and including October 18, 2013 to respond to the motion.

Dated: May 3, 2013

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## **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I hereby certify that I conferred with counsel for TomTom Defendants, by telephone on May 1, 2013, in a good-faith attempt to resolve this matter by agreement and certify that agreement could not be reached because counsel for TomTom would not agree to withdraw Exhibits 2-6 to TomTom's Rule 12(c) Motion and otherwise opposes the relief sought in this motion.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on May 3, 2013 the foregoing document was electronically filed under seal with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system and served on counsel of record via email.

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